THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA):(a) Ministry of Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation has not issued any direction to State Governments to develop forests, ponds and vacant lands in hilly areas as entertainment sites after revamping them.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Demolitions in Lajpat Nagar area

2346. SHRI SURESH KALMADI:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether adequate time was given to the residents and shopkeepers of Lajpat Nagar area before the police carried out the demolitions on the 4th February, 2002;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any persons died on the 4th February, 2002 during or just after the demolitions were carried out in the Lajpat Nagar area; and

(d) whether there are plans to carry out further demolitions in the area?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.